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THE LORD'S WAR.

Our Victory Over Spain Was a Miracle From Heaven.

And Shafter Did Not Assist Heaven. Gen. Breckenridge's Testimony.

STARTLING TESTIMONY.

General Breckenridge Condemns General Shafter in Strong Terms.

Washington, Nov. 15.—General Breckenridge continued his testimony before the war investigating commission today, dealing with the campaign in Cuba and the transportation of troops there.

Speaking of the conflict of authority on the transports, he said the masters of vessels did not respond as promptly as they might. He said the result of the campaign at Santiago was what he expected; the result was consistent with the character of the men who conducted it. It was what was to be expected from the limitations of General Shafter. He said, "I think it would have been different if General Miles had been in command, it would have been more satisfactorily conducted. I think he has more of the spark and genius of command than any man in the army. If he had had charge, he would have been in the front rank. The victory was won when Toral's nerve gave out."

He said this had been a war where our wonderful success was due to the supervision of the Lord in Heaven. He believed the result was a miracle. The outcome he ascribed to the fact that our army was one capable of meeting all calls, no matter how tangled up. He quoted Lord Beresford's saying to his army, "I have let you into the devil of a fix, now it is your duty to fight like hell to get me out."

He thought the government had done about one-fourth as well as it should have done, considering its system. General Breckenridge said he did not feel that Shafter was above criticism in his conduct of the campaign.

Gen. McCook asked Gen. Breckenridge if he had visited Gen. Shafter in his tent when the latter was ill at Santiago, and Gen. Breckenridge replied that he had done so.

"Did he then offer the command of the army to you, as has been reported in the press?"

Gen. Breckenridge replied: "I very much prefer not to answer that question. You should ask Gen. Shafter, such conversation as occurred between Gen. Shafter and myself on that occasion is not of a character to be spoken of lightly. I fail to see how a reply from me would promote the object of your inquiry. You want to know what Gen. Shafter did, not what he may have thought of doing. If Gen. Shafter has not repeated the conversation I ought not to do so."

DREYFUS WILL KNOW.

Court Decides to Inform Him of Its Decision.

Paris, Nov. 15.—The court of cassation has informed the minister of colonies that Dreyfus can be informed by telegraph that revision proceedings have been commenced, and he may prepare his defense. The minister of colonies has received a cable announcing that Dreyfus is in good health. The decision of the court is very significant, as hitherto it had been admitted no innovation would be introduced into proceedings. Questions will now be drafted and forwarded to Dreyfus, who will formulate his replies.

IMPREGNABLE COAST DEFENSES.

Government Inspection Finished, and Atlantic Coast Absolutely Safe.

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 15.—Col. Jared Smith, government engineer, has just returned from a month's inspection of the Atlantic coast defenses. He says the harbor defenses are so far advanced as to be suicidal to any foreign warship attempting to enter any harbor without our consent. Our defenses are as good as any in the world for the purposes. No better can be found anywhere and it will not be long before our coast will be well nigh impregnable.

Major Taylor's Latest.

Philadelphia, Nov. 15.—Major Taylor, the colored cyclist, broke another world record yesterday on the board track at Woodside park. He rode for the third of a mile record of 30 1-4 seconds, made by Windle, and was successful, making the distance in 29 3-4 seconds.

4.30.

BIG ACCIDENT.

Eight Killed and Many Injured on Grand Trunk Road.

Kingston, Ont., Nov. 15.—The Grand Trunk express from Montreal for Toronto collided with a freight train this morning near Murayhill. Eight passengers were killed and many injured. Twenty passengers in a pullman were injured. The express ran into an open switch and dashed into the freight train.

Situation Unchanged.

Marlboro, Mass., Nov. 15.—The industrial situation in this city is unchanged this noon. The factories and idle strikers are accepting the situation philosophically. The strikers are confident of victory.

W. C. T. U. President.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 15.—On first ballot, Mrs. Stevens of Maine was elected president of the national W. C. T. U.

Plaint of Filipinos.

Hong Kong, Nov. 15.—John Barrett, ex-United States minister to Siam, was asked by the Filipino Junta to present a memorial to the United States government and people. Mr. Barrett replied that, while he could have no official influence regarding the status of the matter, he was satisfied that a document which represented the sentiments of the Filipinos would receive at the hands of the Americans all the consideration it merited. Consequently the representatives of General Aguinaldo and his followers drew up what they designate as an "appeal to President McKinley and the American people," but what is in reality rather in the nature of an arraignment of American actions in the Philippines. It says:

"We, the Hong Kong representatives of our countrymen, appeal to the great and good judgment of President McKinley and the spirit of fairness and justice of the American people as it is always shown in their regard for the petitions of the weak and oppressed. "While the fate of the islands is still undecided and we are doing all in our power to prevent a conflict between the Americans and Filipinos—awaiting patiently the conclusion of the Paris conference—we implore the intervention of the president, supported by the will of the people, to end the slights shown our leaders, soldiers and people by some of the American military and naval officers, although we do not wish to wrong Admiral Dewey or General Otis."

The memorial then avers that "false reports are spread broadcast, alleging that the Filipinos are responsible for all the friction," points out that "the tension is greater every day and any moment a shot may be fired by an irresponsible American or Filipino soldier, leading to great bloodshed," and beseeches the United States to "help the Junta to control our own people by directing American officials at Manila to temper their actions with friendship, justice and fairness."

"From the commencement of the hostilities," continues the memorial, "the Filipinos acceded to all the American requests, but after bottling up the Spaniards in Manila the Filipinos were completely ignored when the Americans advanced, and thus deprived us of the fruits of victory. Now, after months of campaigning, the Filipino troops have been ordered beyond the suburbs, where they have no quarters and where supplies are difficult to obtain. All our launches have been seized because of foolish rumors that we would attack Americans, and when we asked explanations we were not even answered. The Spaniards, of late the enemies of the Americans, have been shown every consideration; while the Filipinos, their friends and allies, are often treated as enemies."

After asserting that the Filipinos uniformly acted upon the advice of the Americans and were informally recognized by them until Manila was captured, the memorial goes on to say:

"We can only attribute this sudden change to orders from Washington to American officials at Manila to avoid compromising the American government by a recognition of the Filipinos or their government. The Americans are carrying out these instructions literally, losing sight of the former friendly intercourse and assistance, and of the assurances the American officials gave General Aguinaldo, which he communicated to his followers."

After emphasizing the Junta's "absolute confidence in President McKinley and the people of the great republic," stating that "our protests are not prompted by animosity, but are directed against conditions existing at Manila and not against the American government and people," acknowledging "our gratitude to American arms for destroying the Spanish power in the Philippines," and expressing "a hope that the islands are not to be returned to Spain," the memorial concludes thus:

"We await the decision of the peace commission with even greater interest than the Americans, because it concerns our land, our happiness and our freedom. In the meantime we shall pray for peace and a perfect understanding with the Americans."

Meeting of Commission Postponed.

Paris, Nov. 15.—There was no joint session of the peace commissioners yesterday. Secretary Moore of the United States commission received from Secretary Ojeda of the Spanish commission a note saying the Spanish commissioners had found it impossible to prepare their memorandum for presentation, and asked if the United States commissioners would be inconvenienced if, owing to the late arrival from Madrid of expected data, the Spanish should request that the next meeting be adjourned.

LOCAL NEWS.

REPRESENTATION BY WARDS.

New Rule Adopted For Republican Caucuses. City Committee Doings.

The republican city committee last night took the first important action of the city campaign in deciding the basis of the representation of the wards at the city convention. There was a long discussion, and the committee was evenly divided on the plan of giving each ward five delegates, as formerly, or of giving each ward a delegation whose size is based on the vote for governor from each ward a year ago. When the vote was taken, the committee was tied, and chairman Harvie cast the deciding vote which gave the victory to the new method.

The representation will be as follows: Ward 1, four delegates; ward 2, four; ward 3, six; ward 4, four; ward 5, seven; ward 6, six; ward 7, four.

By many this is considered as a victory for Mayor Cady's backers as wards 3, 5 and 6 will now have a majority of delegates in the convention, and they are wards in which his strength is considered greatest. Chairman Harvie read letters from 10 other cities on the methods in use there.

The caucuses will be held next week Tuesday, November 22, and the republican city convention will be held December 2.

JURY DISAGREED.

In the Hardt-Cady Case For Recovery of Money.

The case of Ober M. Hardt against W. G. Cady & Co. was decided, or rather left undecided, this morning when the jury returned a disagreement. The jury had been out since 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, and the vote stood 6 to 6 up to morning. Now both sides are said to be claiming that the final vote was 8 to 4 in their favor. The case will be tried again.

Mr. Fairfield, a member of the firm, took the stand Monday morning and denied that there had been any particular contract between the firm and Hardt. He didn't consider Hardt a very good shoe man. Lawyer Beer, in behalf of Mr. Hardt, produced a letter of recommendation from the Cady company and written by Mr. Fairfield himself, in which Mr. Hardt is highly recommended as a competent man. Lawyer Couch began his argument for the defense shortly before the noon adjournment.

Riding on the Sidewalk

Special Officer Murphy of the Union arrested Michael Shapiro this noon, and charged him with riding his bicycle on the sidewalk. Mr. Murphy was very indignant at the act, saying that hundreds were coming out of the mill, and that it was very dangerous. He brought Mr. Shapiro to the police station with handcuffs on, and a large club waving over his head, so that people imagined that a desperate murderer might have been in tow.

Bad Smell in County Jail.

The reason for the bad odor which has surrounded the Pittsfield jail for a long time was discovered this morning when the concrete floor of the kitchen was pulled up, and a cap was found off on the sewer. About 25 barrels of sewage were removed from under the floor. The whole system will be overhauled.

—The Typographical union will meet this evening.

—The democratic city committee will consider important questions at its meeting tonight.

—The Thimble club will meet with Mrs. W. W. Brackett of Marlboro avenue Thursday afternoon at 2.30.

—William M. Burch has sold for Frank De Guzze a lot on Hathaway street for \$600.

Gaber started Candidate in Court.

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 15.—In the superior court at court yesterday George E. Yeare, lately socialist labor candidate for governor, was found guilty of disturbing the peace in Malden. The offense for which he was fined in the Malden police court consisted of holding an open air meeting without a license. Judge Hopkins deferred sentence.

Quarantine Raised.

Washington, Nov. 15.—The state of Texas raised the yellow fever quarantine yesterday. Today all existing quarantines in the south against the fever, so far as concerns disinfection and detention, were raised, though the usual regular inspection at ports will be continued all the year round.

No Lives Lost.

Havana, Nov. 15.—The Spanish transport Legazpi went ashore yesterday morning at Putna Boca Cavilanes, near Cienfuegos, and was totally destroyed. All the members of the crew were saved.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The New York horse show opened full of promise.

Frederick W. Goddard of Newton, Mass., committed suicide by shooting.

Dogs, apparently mad, caused consternation at Newton and Melrose, Mass.

Sir William Marriot denies the allegations by Hooley relating to bribes to secure social favors.

Berlin semi-official papers announce that the German army will be gradually increased by about 15,000 men.

The crew of an Austrian schooner were murdered by Solomon Islanders, who were supposed to be friendly.

The Weinsinger Tobacco company of Louisville has declined to become a part of the Continental tobacco combination.

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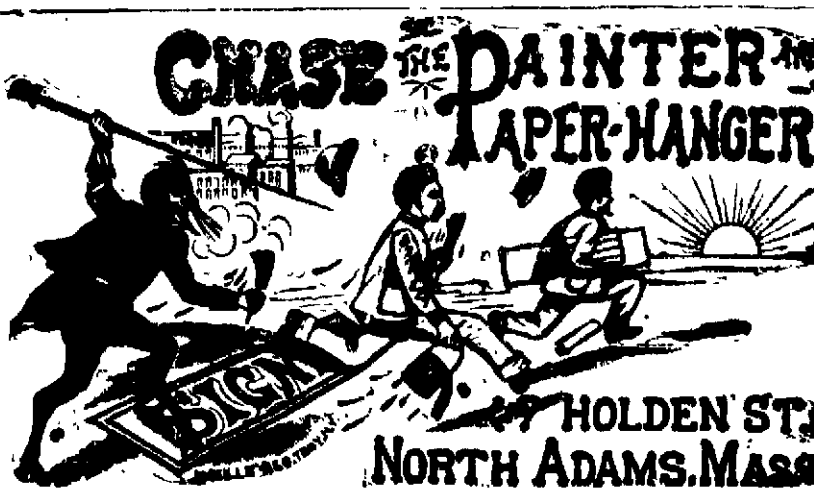
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In Emphatic Protest—Death of Mrs. L. B. Jenks.

DEATH OF MRS. JENKS.

Cordelia, wife of Lucien B. Jenks, died at her home in Sweet's Corners Monday morning at the age of 58 years and seven months. Her death was caused by cancer, from which she had suffered for a long time. She was treated at different times by eminent specialists, who thought they checked the disease and afforded temporary relief failed to remove it, and for some time it had been known that recovery was impossible. Mrs. Jenks was a great sufferer, but she bore her inhumanity and pain with Christian fortitude. She was a native and lifelong resident of this town, being a daughter of the late Stephen Bacon. She was a member of the Sweet's Corners Baptist church and was highly esteemed as a neighbor and friend. She leaves besides her husband one son, Lee Jenks, a member of the sophomore class in Williams college. Two brothers also survive, Stephen Bacon, who occupies the old family homestead in the Copper, and Hiram Bacon, who lives in the west. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock and the burial will be in the east cemetery in this village.

AN EMPHATIC PROTEST.

Through your columns I wish to congratulate "A Citizen" on his courage in coming out boldly and denouncing the tree butchering that has been going on in beautiful Williamstown for some time past. Every right thinking citizen should rise up against such vandalism. It is nothing short of that. Why couldn't the Village Improvement society have divided its work between protecting the beauties of this town and the fountain. I am not a resident of Williamstown but have been visiting here for several years, therefore have been in a position to observe the lack of appreciation for the natural beauties of this town that has been manifest for a few years past. At different times such has been the sacrifice of shade trees that one might easily imagine that the town had been visited by a full fledged cyclone. It rests with the North Adams Transcript to keep the subject before the public and stay the destruction of our beautiful trees.

A NON-RESIDENT.

Moving pictures of the battles of the Spanish war in Odd Fellows' hall, North Adams, tonight. Tickets 25 and 50 cents.

The early closing movement at the station, which was introduced some weeks ago, proves very satisfactory to the clerks, and the public finds little if any fault. All the stores and markets close Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6.30 p. m., thus giving the employees two evenings a week with practically no inconvenience to the public.

Z. F. Beverly says if he owned Daylight, the fast pacer he sold last year, and the horse was free from the bad record he has made since he was sold, he would not take \$10,000 for him. Mr. Beverly says he is the fastest horse in the country today for a straight-away mile.

The Citizens' band is preparing for the concert and ball to be given in the opera house Thanksgiving Eve for the benefit of the band. The concert will begin at 8.30 o'clock and dancing at 9. The boys will work hard to make the entertainment a success and hope for a good patronage. Tickets will be 50 cents.

Town Clerk Noel reports that since he called the attention of the doctors and undertakers to the law concerning the reporting of births and deaths the undertakers are doing much better, but the doctors do not yet seem to be fully awake to their responsibility. The law calls for these reports to be made to the town clerk every month and Mr. Noel hopes the doctors will follow the example set by the undertakers.

Chas. Fowler and Homer Pattison left town today for a week's visit in New York city and on Long Island. The last of the old Catholic church at the corner of Main and Park streets has been removed. The building was purchased and taken down by Fred Reuther, who sold considerable of the material. He is now building a house in Riverside of brick that came out of the church.

Rev. W. H. Butler will be ordained at the Congregational church next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock and will be installed in the evening. The program will be completed in a few days. The Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church will hold a social Friday evening and the occasion will also be a reception to the new pastor, Rev. W. H. Butler.

Mr. Davison of Meacham street out again after a severe illness. Mrs. Eugene Roberts, who had been visiting in town for several weeks, returned today to her home in New York city, accompanied by her sister, Miss Lillian Tallmadge, who will spend some time with her.

Rev. G. V. Stryker is sick and services in the White Oaks chapel will be conducted Sunday by Rev. W. H. Butler, the afternoon and Rev. W. F. Stocking in the evening.

Two street lamps are to be erected in Charlestown at once.

A party of about 25 young people will ride to South Williamstown tonight, a four-horse wagon from West's livery, and have a supper and dance at the Idlewild.

Mrs. Henry Walker and daughter Pearl of Riverside and Mrs. W. F. Williams will go to New York tonight for a week's visit.

F. J. Mather, who had been in New York for several days returned to New York Monday.

A big drive of cattle was kept on Clayton Foster's farm on the Cold Spring road over Sunday and went east Monday. In former years many droves of cattle and sheep went through town every fall, but of late years few have been seen.

Mrs. Leake is preparing to erect a handsome monument in the west cemetery.

W. A. Blair and his nephew from New York, Delos Brown, Marshall Fowler

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I know not what record of sin awaits me in the other world; but this I do know, that I never was so mean as to despise a man because he was poor, because he was ignorant, or because he was black.

—John A. Andrew.

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A CHARGE AGAINST INDIAN AGENTS.

Since the recent outbreak of the Pillager band of Chippewa Indians, in Minnesota, there have been charges that the Indians had grievances which explain their emute, and hints have been thrown out which involve the integrity of Indian agents and others who have had dealings with the Indians through the agents. It has been said that the Indians have been swindled on timber dealings, and that they have been dragged across the country for long distances for the sole purpose of swelling the incomes of United States marshals.

These charges are serious enough to call for investigation, and the government should thoroughly sift the records of those who have been managing the Indians at Leach Lake. If there has been any dishonesty in the treatment of the Indians by the government agents the agents should be punished, and if the law in regard to the sale of liquor has been enforced in a slipshod manner, except when fees for United States marshals are desired, somebody ought to be dismissed.

STATISTICS OF IMPORTS.

A recent publication of the government bureau of statistics to which reference has heretofore been made in these columns, makes a very interesting comparison of the statistics relating to imports. The growth of imports, while necessarily great by reason of increased population, has not kept pace with that of exports, especially in the last quarter of a century.

The \$100,000,000 line in the import trade was passed as early as 1891, and again in 1895, 1896 and 1897, and at intervals until 1914, when the total of \$102,604,606 was followed by a rapid growth, the \$200,000,000 line being passed in 1911, the \$300,000,000 line in 1913, the \$400,000,000 line in 1916, the \$500,000,000 line in 1917, while 1918 exceeded \$600,000,000, 1919 exceeded \$700,000,000 and 1920 passed the \$800,000,000 line, the high-water mark of imports being reached in 1923, when the figures were \$866,400,922, while the year just ended, 1924, makes a lower record of imports than any year with a single exception, since 1879.

The republican policy of protection is what has led to the decreased imports of recent years. The money that would have been spent abroad has been spent at home, helping to enhance American prosperity.

THE OCTOBER FIRE LOSS.

The loss by fire in the United States and Canada in the month of October last was only half as large as the loss during the month immediately preceding. The result is that the aggregate fire-loss for the year so far is still below the hundred million mark. October's fire loss was \$14,269,400, while September's was \$14,263,650. The October loss in 1917 was \$11,287,500 and in 1918, \$5,993,000. The loss for the first ten months of each of the three years last past is shown in the following table:

1916	\$95,703,400
1917	\$1,801,200
1918	\$2,081,700

There is still a chance that with a light loss in November and December, the 1918 ash-heap may rise no higher than the unusually low ash-heap of 1917.

And always sneers in the open. Great is the personal affection in which Joseph H. Walker is not held.

In connection with the many proposed extensions of the Pittsfield street railway line, it is announced that in the near future there may be electric communication between Adams and the county seat. Hasten the day!

The Pacific coast states have mounded and it is their new sound money plumage they appear infinitely handsomer.

Yellow journals to the contrary notwithstanding, the voters seem to have endorsed the management of the war.

Have you received one of the second regiment chain letters? If not, be full of hope. The chain is still unbroken.

One of the first fruits of the universal victory is that the republicans will fill the vacancy that Senator Gray has made conspicuous.

The originator of the latest "scheme" could have made money anywhere and in any business. No more ingenious thing has been devised in many a day.

Congressman-elect Thayer of the Worcester district does himself no good by sneering at Congressman Walker. The latter always fights in the open.—Haverhill Gazette.

"President Roosevelt" has a very euphonious sound, and it may seem more familiar a very few years hence. After Teddy's famous campaigns in war and peace he will not find it very rough riding from New York to Washington in, say six years.

LIABILITIES OF \$1,200,000.

Two Big Coal Companies Unable to Meet Their Obligations.

Cincinnati, Nov. 15.—The Turney & Jones Coal company of Columbus, and the Pennsylvania and Ohio Fuel company of St. Paul, with offices also in Chicago, were yesterday, by the federal court, put into the hands of the Security and Title company of Chicago as receivers. These companies are among the largest that ever operated in the Ohio coal fields. Their troubles commenced in the summer of 1917 with the great coal strike. They had large contracts to fill in the northwest and were unable to get coal until late in the summer, and then at a high price and with very high lake freights. The result was a loss of over \$200,000 at that time. During the past summer they bought very large quantities of coal which is still on their docks, while their collections have been very slow. As they bought the coal early a great deal of the paper has fallen due before receipts were coming in. The crisis was brought about by New York parties declaring due the whole of an issue of \$200,000 of obligations, because one of the instalments was not paid promptly.

The liabilities amount to \$1,200,000. The officers of the companies state that they will pay the liabilities in full if the assets are carefully handled. The two companies are owned by the same parties, mostly by H. D. Turney of Columbus and John S. Jones of Chicago, and had to stand or fall together. The mines of these companies furnish about half of the coal tonnage for the Columbus, Sandusky and Hocking railroad, and the future of that property depends largely on what is done by the receivers of the coal companies.

Still Undecided.

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 15.—The political complexion of the West Virginia legislature on joint ballot depends upon contested seats, and will not be settled until the two houses are organized. The Republicans will organize the senate and the Democrats the house. The two contested seats in the senate will be decided by the courts and the same decision will settle both, the question being whether a senator loses his seat by accepting a commission in the army. Senator Pierson is a lieutenant and Senator Getzendanner a captain in the Second West Virginia regiment, and Democrats are elected as successors. The house will pass on the eligibility of its members and several seats will be contested. The official returns will amount to nothing more than to furnish data upon which the two parties can work.

Brasil's New President.

Rio Janeiro, Nov. 15.—Dr. Campos Salles was installed in the presidential chair today. In his inaugural address he eulogized his predecessor, Dr. Barrios, and declared that now the republic is firmly established the time has arrived to initiate a national liberal policy of tolerance, harmonizing the different elements of the country. The bulk of the address was devoted to finance. He said: "The national honor is pledged to execute the financial agreement concluded in London; and to do this the country should not hesitate to make any sacrifice." He condemned "the particularistic policy of excessive decentralization," promises energetic repression of internal disorders and urges "a most careful cultivation of friendly relations abroad, as Brazil needs foreign capital and immigration."

Let Sent to Prison.

Taunton, Mass., Nov. 15.—Joseph Paradis of Manchester, N. H., under indictment for assault with intent to kill, withdrew his plea of not guilty yesterday and, pleading guilty, was sentenced to five years and one day in the Concord reformatory. He is 16 years of age, and a plea for leniency was made. Paradis was caught stealing hens, and when pursued he shot a man. The latter, however, recovered from his wound.

Gloucester's Heavy Tribute.

Gloucester, Mass., Nov. 15.—The records up to date show that during the past year 19 Gloucester craft and 92 men have been lost. In addition to this, the summary shows that 25 widows and 56 children have been left by those who have perished this year. These figures are larger than usual. The 19 vessels lost were valued at \$38,125, and carried a total insurance of \$66,762.

Is a Head Man.

Dubuque, Ia., Nov. 15.—In an interview Congressman D. E. Henderson said: "I see my name is being mentioned in connection with the re-election of the next house. This is wholly without my authority. I am not a candidate for that office. If Mr. Reed desires a re-election, and I assume that he does, I am for his re-election."

A Twenty-Five Rounder.

Rochester, Nov. 15.—The decision at the end of the 25th round of the bout last night between Kid Goulette of this city and Joe Hopkins of New York was a draw. This was giving Goulette much the worst of it, for he had fairly earned the decision, making a chopping block of Hopkins for 15 rounds.

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NEW REPUBLICAN CLUB COLUMN.

Is Mr. Cady a Republican?

Hon. H. Torrey Cady, the present mayor of the city, says that he will be a candidate before the republican city caucuses that are to be held the 22nd of this month, and that he looks to the republican party to nominate him. Can Mr. Cady expect much support from the rank and file of the republican party of this city?

Let us look into recent political history. At the republican city convention held last year Mr. Cady was a delegate from ward 5, and took part in the republican city convention. Mr. Hamer was honestly and fairly nominated in that convention for mayor of this city. Mr. Cady had previously been a candidate but when Mr. Hamer was nominated he withdrew. He afterwards announced himself as a candidate for mayor of this city with the avowed purpose of defeating the regular republican nominee.

Now, Mr. Cady, explain to the republicans of North Adams why you did this.

No man is justified in bolting his ticket unless the candidate is nominated by fraud. Do you say to the 1540 republicans who supported the regular nominee last fall that the man they voted for was not fairly nominated? If he were why did you as a republican bolt the nomination?

Was it democratic or republican influence that aided you in determining your course? If you say it was republican influence tell how many republicans residing outside of Church street advised you to take such a course. If it were democratic influence tell the people.

All that is good and true in the republican party of this city is not centered on Church street. The bone and sinew of the republican party are found in the shops and factories of our city. You did them a wrong when you bolted your ticket and with the combined force of a political machine you were elected. Tell the republicans why you did it or you will be given a cool reception in the caucuses next Tuesday.

A REPUBLICAN.

John Parker's Attitude.

John Parker's only offence seems to exist in the attitude he has taken against the politics and methods, of a political combination, that has ruled this city with an iron hand for several years.

Why say that it is absolutely necessary to have a mayor, who is acquainted with and accustomed to handling large sums of money?

Since the three years we have been a city, we have had such a man for mayor. What has been the result of heavy men, trying to handle large sums of money. Since we have become a city, our debt has increased over one-half million dollars, think of these figures, and think what they mean to every man who owns his home, or one who will have to have his rent raised to meet these heavy taxes.

Think of it, and could John Parker make a poorer showing?

Could not any man with ordinary business ability do as well?

The Evening Herald is shedding tears over the deplorable condition of the republican party in this city. It says that the New Republican club needs reorganizing, and that a certain lot of old line republicans are seriously considering the formation of a new club. These men should have awakened from their sleep about 20 years ago and saved the Grand Old Party from prostitution at the hands of men who held the whip over both parties.

It remained for a few such men as John Parker to take hold of and form a Republican club that is doing the work that its prostrate brothers should have done during the past ten years. We think the republican politics are in safe hands if the vote for the republican candidates be any criterion. Judge Lawrence fared very well at the hands of the New Republican club. He received the largest vote since he has been a candidate for office and this too in the face of the underlying opposition against him. Sheriff Fuller carried the city by 200, with the whole rum element and other elements against him.

No, Mr. Editor, we are quite satisfied with our present existence. Our faith in our leaders has not been shaken notwithstanding that awful charge you made against him in the Herald last Monday night. We are aware of the "incentive" that inspired that "noble piece of work."

We are sorry to lose your sympathy, Mr. Editor, but our loss will be no one's gain. We will waddle along without you, wishing you success in all your undertakings and when you are compiling the election returns in your sanctum and find that John Parker is elected mayor, we trust you will have the good grace to announce it to the public. Farewell.

A MEMBER.

Smith Was Second Best.

Bridgport, Conn., Nov. 15.—The Horizon Athletic club opened its boxing carnival in this city last night with Billy Smith and Tom West as the stellar attraction. They were matched for 20 rounds at catchweights, but despite the fact that West clearly outpointed his opponent, on account of a mutual agreement if they both went the limit there would be no decision. Referee Austin was obliged to declare it a draw.

OUR NEW YORK LETTER

BRIEF REVIEW OF POST-ELECTION CONDITIONS IN THE METROPOLIS.

Were the Saloon Keepers Divided? Effect of a Wide Open Town on the Voting—Silver Democrats—Disappointed Republicans.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—[Special.]—Now that the election of 1898 is rapidly fading into history, it will violate no confidence to say that some of the sincerest supporters of Colonel Roosevelt were almost as much surprised by his victory as the strongest Tammany workers.

In other words, although there was no lack of effort among the Republican leaders, they had many misgivings regarding the result. They knew that Tammany was in exceedingly effective condition—that it was better organized, in fact, than it had been for years. They knew that its money box was full and that Croker, who truthfully boasted that no election to the winning of which he had given his energies unreservedly had ever been lost by his party, was working as hard this year for domination in the state as in the city. They knew, or thought they knew, and every one took it for granted, that the saloon keepers and all their friends were a unit for Van Wyck. With their solid support, the backing of the entire sporting element and no delinquent to speak of among Democrats of the sort that read the New York Times, all added to the proverbial Republican apathy of an "off year," there seemed many reasons to fear the worst from the Republican viewpoint.

At the same time those things all gave confidence of the strongest sort to the Tammany leaders, and there is little doubt that on Tuesday morning last they felt as certain of the result as the Republicans felt of the Tammany victory in the city. They were justified by the count on Tuesday night Van Wyck would today have been governor elect and not Roosevelt. Croker has rarely or never made such a break before, and naturally the town has been busy ever since Wednesday morning figuring out how he came to make this one, while divers dramatic leaders, diver among the others, have been getting ready for deceptions.

Were the Saloon Men Divided?

There are many in New York today who believe the notion that the saloon men were united for Van Wyck was erroneous. Every body concludes that the brewers to a man were in favor of the Democratic candidate, and that the majority of the beer sellers were with them, because of the Raines liquor law and the high license fees it imposes. It is assumed, however, that this law seemed a good thing to certain of the saloon men, and while they weren't advertising their preference from the house tops they made up their minds early in the game to put in as much effective quiet work for Roosevelt as they possibly could. That this assumption is not wholly wrong has been made perfectly clear to the writer of this correspondence by the personal statements of several saloon keepers. These thought it wise to maintain a discreet silence before election, but now feel at liberty to talk. They declare that the personal attitude of themselves and friends made a difference of some thousands of votes, and that if this difference was not quite enough to turn the scale it was still sufficient to count materially.

Another element in lessening the Democratic vote in this city was the ostentatious "wide openness" of the town during the later weeks of the campaign. It is all very well to say that the stories of the unusual license allowed in certain theatrical performances, so called, were chiefly "newspaper talk," but the truth is that the recent shamelessness of certain places of public entertainment here exceeds anything previously known in New York within the memory of man. Besides, dives much worse in character than those unearthed by the Rev. Dr. Parkhurst a few years ago were allowed to run without let or hindrance all through September and October.

Some of these places were quite down to the level of the worst dives in Paris. In truth, it would be impossible to imagine anything more degrading than the performances that were nightly to be witnessed in three or four New York establishments by any one who had the price. That Tammany's coffers were benefited by the condition of affairs has not been proved, but charges to that effect have been openly made and accepted as true. And while no one has sought to fasten any responsibility in the premises upon Augustus Van Wyck, there isn't the shadow of a doubt that he was short many votes through the belief in some quarters that the days of "police protection" had returned to the town.

Fading of the Silver Democrats.

Moreover, the first 10 to 1 Democrats were far from being united in the support of Van Wyck. They were as anxious to see him declare himself in favor of the re-nomination of the white metal as the single standard Democrats were to have him repudiate that policy. And, unlike either the single standard men, who accepted his noncommittal policy and voted for him, and those saloon men who liked the Raines law and voted against him, the ultra silver men were outspoken against Van Wyck from start to finish.

In fact, as was predicted to the writer of this correspondence long before the nominations, many free silver Democrats voted for Roosevelt despite his views on the money question instead of for Van Wyck who preferred to say nothing about it, but distinctly stated that national issues had no place in a state campaign. Today some 10 to 1 Democrats are as happy over the result of the election as the strongest and most pronounced single standard Republicans possibly can be. While many of them, perhaps the majority, considered the candidacy of McDonald a fake, they attributed his forced failure to make the running to the managers of Van Wyck's campaign, declaring openly that it was brought about by a trick of the most transparent sort.

They say that while Tammany undoubtedly retains complete power over the city, it has no strong ally with mentioning in the state, and that there will be two delegations to the national Democratic convention of 1900, with strong probabilities that the Tammany crowd will be shut out.

Some Sorry Republicans.

But it should not be understood that the result was entirely satisfactory to the Republicans of this city. The election of every Democratic candidate to the house of representatives is an exceedingly bitter pill to swallow, and the defeat of Gulley by Thomas was a wormwood to the Hon. Charles Collier Platt.

DEXTER MARSHALL.

Toledo, Frozen Out by Trust.

Toledo, Nov. 15.—The Buckeye Tobacco works, formerly Chase, Jaherwood & Co., the oldest tobacco firm in Ohio, has closed permanently and retired from business. The proprietors have been unable to meet the competition of the trust and preferred to close solvent.

Belgian Post Captured.

London, Nov. 15.—The Daily Chronicle this morning says: "We are reliably informed from the Congo Free State that the Belgians have captured Bohr, a servant post, 90 miles north of Refaj, on the White Nile."

Greenwood, S. C., Nov. 15.—A telephone message received here says a negro woman was shot near Pine Grove church by a party of white men who were on their way here. No particulars are obtainable except that her house was fired into by a passing crowd, and that a ball struck her in the abdomen. A message from Troy states that Kennedy McCauston and a negro on his place a Beville county had a personal difficulty, in which the negro shot McCauston in the face with a shotgun. The negro was pursued to Abbeville, where he was caught and jailed. There is no fear of his being lynched. News comes from Verdery that John Fell had shot a negro near that place while engaged in a personal difficulty.

The New Washington.

Washington, Nov. 15.—At the annual meeting of the Washington board of trade last night President Noyes made an address in which he told what had been done during the past year to make Washington attractive and healthful, and to promote its business and educational interests. In conclusion, President Noyes said: "For the new America there is to be a new Washington. There can be no genuine expansion of the public which does not show forth as an index in the republic's city. So, likewise, prosperity in the federal district means that the whole nation prospers and develops more and more from day to day."

Wholesale Expulsions.

Berlin, Nov. 15.—Besides the large expulsions of Danes from northern Schleswig during the last fortnight, many Austrian slaves and Polish Jews have been expelled from Breslau, as well as Dutchmen from Gronau, Westphalia. The cause is not known, but it is believed the expulsions were instigated by Dr. Von Miquel, Prussian minister of finance, with a view of provoking discontent that would serve as a pretext for more severe measures against aliens.

The Dreyfus Case.

Paris, Nov. 15.—The court of cassation yesterday examined General Zurlinden and General Chanoux, who recently resigned successively the portfolio of minister of war, and it is said that their evidence was highly important in upholding the attitude they have taken throughout that Dreyfus is guilty, and that a communication of the secret dossier would compromise the safety of the state and the good relations of France with foreign nations.

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ANNUAL MEETING HELD

Hoosac Valley Agricultural Society Finishes Its Year Today.

DEBT OF SOCIETY DECREASED

By This Fall's Successful Cattle Show, Will Return to Three Day Fairs Hereafter. Money or Silver Plate Again Discussed.

The annual meeting of the Hoosac Valley Agricultural society was held today in St. Jean Baptist hall and was largely attended. The first thing in order was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, S. A. Hickox of South Williamstown; vice-presidents, Col. A. Potter and W. H. Gove; secretary, G. F. Miller; treasurer, E. M. Meekins; auditor, O. A. Archer; chairman of agricultural committee, H. J. Pease of Williamstown; executive committee, J. O. Sanford of Stamford, F. E. Mole of Adams, A. B. Gardner of Pownall, L. C. Torrey of Williamstown, George E. Carpenter of Williamstown, George E. Northup of Cheshire, C. Cramer Sherman of North Adams, W. S. Jenks of Adams, E. W. Gleason of Clarkburg.

A vote of thanks was extended to George Z. Dean, the retiring president, for his able and efficient service the past year.

On motion of F. E. Mole the president and treasurer were authorized to borrow \$500, if necessary, in anticipation of next year's receipts of the society.

There was a long discussion of the question of paying premiums in cash or silver plate. There were advocates of both systems and what were believed to be advantages were held up on both sides. It was finally decided to leave the matter with the executive committee.

The meeting expressed itself in favor of returning to the original system and holding the fair three days instead of two, and steps will undoubtedly be taken to bring about this change, which cannot be made without the sanction of the state board of agriculture.

E. M. Meekins read the treasurer's report, which was the whole encouraging, showing that the debt of the society had been decreased by about \$125. The receipts from admissions at the fair were \$3,074.55, and the total actual receipts \$4,988.80. The total expenditures were \$6,059.10, or \$1,070.30 in excess of the receipts, but the amount that the society had previously borrowed more than covered this. The cash on hand now is \$1,105.20, while there is still due about \$1,020.

No suggestion was made, as some had expected, of any new plan by which the receipts might be increased to equal the expenses.

A REPUBLICAN CLUB.

Meeting Held and Committee Appointed to Canvass Advisability of Forming One.

About forty republicans met in the front room of Hosford & Co.'s restaurant Monday evening to discuss the advisability of forming a republican campaign club. The trend of the discussion was toward the unification and solidifying of the republican party in North Adams. All who expressed themselves voiced this opinion, that the club if organized should be open to membership to any republican, that its meetings be public and that all who affiliated with the party and wished for party success should be invited to join.

The club was formed but a committee of two republicans from each ward was appointed who will canvass the matter and report as to the desirability of forming such a club at a mass meeting of republicans to be held on Thursday evening. They will formulate plans for organization in case the club is deemed advisable. This committee is composed of: First ward, L. F. Amadon, Robert Keam; second ward, Alexander Craswell, Robert Cobb; third ward, Fred Reed, J. H. Warner; fourth ward, A. A. Willis, Thomas A. Mort; fifth ward, Charles E. Whitney, Joshua Faulkner; sixth ward, Dr. T. J. Putnam, Walter Amadon; seventh ward, Fred Secor, H. H. Hawley. This committee holds a meeting tonight to discuss the question of forming the club. The meeting on Monday evening was called to order by W. H. Ingraham and Perry M. Farley was chairman and W. H. Ingraham, secretary.

Interesting Local History.

There is a bit of very interesting local history connected with the summer home at Rowe which E. A. Tower of this city has purchased, as reported in a recent issue of The Transcript.

Many years ago a small wooden factory was built upon these premises and for many years woolen goods were manufactured there. The mill was built by Messrs. Reed and the Amidon brothers nearly 70 years ago, but under their management was not a financial success. In the year 1847 Stephen P. Day of Pittsfield, a practical manufacturer, came to Rowe and hired the mill, and five years later bought it and for many years did a successful business.

It was the custom of the farmers all about this section to carry their wool to Mr. Day and have it made into cloth, which was said to be of an excellent quality. In the year 1840 the late William Wilkinson of Blackinton moved to the town of Rowe and found employment in this little mill and a few years later his son, E. S. Wilkinson of the Adams National bank was born.

The old mill is now fast going to decay. It makes a very interesting picture as it stands with the beautiful mountains in the distance. The belfry is still there but the old bell that used to call people to their daily tasks has been taken away, and a single glance at the old workmen shows that their work is over. The water to run the mill came from a large pond located a quarter of a mile north. Several years ago a portion of the dam gave way and the pond was destroyed. There has been much talk of late among the people to rebuild the dam, and have the large tract of land flooded again for sporting purposes, and as Rowe is becoming a popular resort for many people who prefer a quiet home among the mountains to the seashore, it would add a strong attraction to the delightful little town. Wilmington, Vt., has its Raponda why not Rowe have its Daponda?

A Rising Public Man.

The local correspondent of the Sunday Union has this to say of the new elected Representative W. M. Brown: There is a brilliant future before Willard M. Brown, representative-elect to the general court, and his many friends of both parties are anxious to see what kind of a record he will make after he enters the legislative halls. Mr. Brown has been a member of the city council since the last municipal election, and there can be no denying the fact that he is the best posted man in that body on matters relating to parliamentary law. He is a very good speaker, being of an easy going style which carries great weight. He was elected on a democratic ticket to the legislature, and while he represents the party, he is a man who has long been known as an independent. Many republicans cast their vote for him at the polls Tuesday, for he had not this time the case he could not be elected, and for the courtesy, Mr. Brown has a warm feeling, especially for some of the leaders of the party. They realize his worth, and did what they could to assist him. They felt that the qualifications possessed by Mr. Brown must be recognized. With R. R. Harvie he will be a credit to the city and the result is satisfactory to both parties.

Grand Opera Thursday Night.

Tickets are now on sale at the Wilson house drug store for the presentation of the celebrated opera "Il Trovatore" by the Royal Italian grand opera company. Opera goers and music lovers are looking forward to this engagement with much interest, the Italian company coming with the reputation of being one of the leading opera companies in point of merit, on the American stage today. This is the original company, which was brought to Mexico, and later sang throughout the last season at Wallack's theater in New York. The company includes a large and well drilled orchestra and some artists who have won praise in this country as well as in Italy. From the flattering criticisms it has received in the larger cities, it is safe to expect one of the musical treats of the year.

Two Interesting Lectures.

Prof. W. G. Ward of Cambridge will deliver two lectures in Grand Army hall Wednesday. The first will be given at 4:15 p. m. for the school children, the subject being "The Makers of Our Nation, and the American Revolution." The subject of the evening lecture will be "The Story of Grecian and Roman Art." The lectures will be illustrated and will be highly entertaining and instructive. At the evening lecture the teachers' chorus will appear in public for the first time and render a number of selections. The proceeds from these lectures will be used in decorating the school rooms of the city.

SHOES FOR 15 CENTS

The Latest Dazzling Scheme of Something For Nothing.

STARTED IN THIS CITY TODAY

Has Raged Through the Country Fiercely. A "Chain" System of Involving a Whole City Full of Impromptu "Agents."

The "Shoes for 15 cents" company opened its place of business in this city this morning. Hereafter no one need go shoeless who can scrape together 15 cents, borrow 75 cents more, and induce five of his friends to back him in his miniature Wall street transactions. Within a couple of days the city should be flooded with 15 cent made "agents" of this new company, all anxious to admit his neighbor into the blessings of securing good shoes for little money, and incidentally to earn his own pair of foot-gear.

The real name of the company is the Shoe Investment company, and it comes here, as its general agent says, as what may be called a special favor to the community. Heretofore no city of less than 25,000 population has been visited by this new scheme. Even Pittsfield has not yet been visited.

The scheme itself is a brand new one, on the market for not over two months, and as the work of a double-dyed genius discounts the famous trading stamp scheme as that departed blessing discounted the old-time giving of chromos to new customers. It is in brief like this:

Pay one of the temporary "agents" 15 cents for a coupon he will sell you. Take this to the office of the company, with 75 cents more, and receive a slip of five coupons like the one you bought. You are then an "agent" yourself. Now sell these five coupons to five of your friends, who will in turn take them to the office and become "agents" just as you did. When all five have been returned to the office, and only then, you are entitled to an order on a local shoe dealer for a pair of \$3.50 shoes.

You paid out 90 cents in all to become an agent. You received 75 cents from the sale of the five coupons. The difference, 15 cents, is the price of the shoes to you.

This outline is most seductive when the agreeable agent explains it, and it looks very simple. The point of the scheme is clear, however, and a slight calculation will show just where it will land in the community. Every agent secures five more in order to secure his shoes. Each of these five secures five more. It is like the "chain-letter" calculations, and any break in the chain deprives the agent whose list is broken of his pair of shoes. The company does not lose on this, however, for the others who are left in the chain go right on in making business for the firm.

It is easy to calculate just how many links of this chain can go on before the limit is reached. The manager told a Transcript reporter at 10 o'clock this morning that he had sent out two "agents" at that time. Suppose he sent out no more, each of these two bring in five, and each of these five more, or 50. Here is the way the number would increase on each link:

2	10
10	50
50	250
250	1,250
1,250	6,250
6,250	31,250

Here it will be seen that on the 7th link is a number far in excess of the population of the city of North Adams. By the time a consecutive list of seven "agents" have been involved, the last member of this one list will find himself running in opposition to over 30,000 others, with nobody at all to work on who has not been "touched."

There is nothing at all "fakey" about the scheme. It is an open transaction which all can understand, but it is only fair that all should understand it thoroughly before they go into it. The first few who go into it are likely to make a success. But the last thousands will find themselves frantically rushing around in a vain endeavor to dispose of their coupons to persons who have already been dodging similar requests all around the city.

In the original scheme, if one of the five coupons sold from one slip was not brought back, the "agent" who sold them got no shoes and no rebate. The scheme as introduced here today goes this method a little better and makes it a little more safe for the "agent." In case some of the coupons are returned and others are not, the "agent" can go up to headquarters and get 25 cents on each ticket which has been returned. This insures him from money loss.

This new scheme was first started in Boston eight weeks ago. The name of the genius who evolved it is unknown. Since it was first started it has raged with great fury over Boston, New York, Chicago, Springfield, Worcester and other cities. The beginning is auspicious, for the company. But the end of it no one knows. As the local manager said in talking of it, "It's really so new we don't know what the end will be. In fact, we haven't been able to calculate just who is 'stuck' in it. Of course we are not."

The simple answer seems to be that the "agents" at the end of the list are "stuck," and that if the scheme works here, the city will soon be filled with the flying feet and warbling tongues of impromptu "agents" trying in mad haste to dispose of their 15 cent shoe tickets.

Will Live in New York This Winter.

A. C. Houghton and family are planning to leave this city about December 1, to spend the season in New York city. This is done on account of the time and discomfort of the trips between New York and his home here which Mr. Houghton now makes every week. During the winter he will come to North Adams only when business at the Arnold print works requires, and will make his home with his family at the Hotel Buckingham on Fifth avenue. They will return to their Church street residence in the spring.

PALMISTRY OR HAND-READING. Madame Julian, the noted palmist, has removed from 30 Summer street, to her private parlors in new Blackinton block, room 2, second floor. She would be pleased to meet all ladies interested. Readings 50 cents. Ladies only.

Do You Need An Overcoat?

Is the Overcoat you wore last year looking shabby and out of shape? If so, just drop into our store and see what we can do for you for a little money. We have.

Overcoats in all Sizes. Overcoats in all Styles. Overcoats at all Prices.

Another thing about these Overcoats—they are made up of good quality of cloth; made up in a durable manner; made up in short, medium and long styles, so that all may be suited. These overcoats are made up to wear well as well as to look good, and the prices will suit you.

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HAVE YOU SEEN THEM?

You can repair your own and children's shoes and save dollars during the year by using one of our COBBLING SETS.

Full outfit for only 75c,
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Keep Out the Cold.

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SEE OUR PRICES.

Alderman & Carlisle,

Successors to E. B. Penniman & Co.

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Do You Need a Good CLOTHES WRINGER?

If such is the case, we can please you, for we have bargains for you.

Challenge Wringer,	\$1.49
Falcon Wringer,	1.98
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GILBERT MAXWELL, Proprietor.

Wholesale and Retail Crockery Dealers,

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The largest assortment and most attractive designs.

The National Acorn Range handsome range made, beautifully trimmed with nickel. Castings of velvet smoothness and easily kept clean. Guaranteed to be a perfect baker. The New Royal Acorn, bas burner, as a double heater, has no equal for heating up stairs rooms. Every part of the Royal Acorn is as perfect as time, money and expert workmen can make it. Also a full line of Surface Burners and Wood Heating Stoves. Aluminum Oil Heaters, the only known metal that will not tarnish with heat. Absolutely free from smoke and odor, they are guaranteed to give satisfaction.

J. H. CODY,

Housefurnisher and Undertaker.

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TO RENT.

A pleasant, well furnished room to rent at 13 Arnold place. For terms inquire at house. 1160 6x

A single house, 36 Cliff St. Inquire on premises. 1160 6x

Good new tenement with modern improvements, 38 Holbrook St. C. E. Winchell. 1160 12 x

Six room cottage \$8 per month. Inquire 85 West Main St. 1160 12 x

Tenement 8 rooms, 31 High street. \$12 per month. Inquire on premises. 1160 12 x

Tenement, 8 rooms, barn of 8 stalls, hen house, \$10 per month. Apply 48 Franklin street. 1160 12 x

House of 10 rooms, bath, steam heat, three minutes walk to Mark Hopkins school. Inquire 2 Pleasant street. 1160 12 x

Tenement of 8 rooms with all modern improvements. Inquire Mrs. Ohas. McCauley, 17 Liberty street. 1160 12 x

Tenement in McConnell block. Inquire 2 North Holden St. 1160 12 x

A six room tenement near normal school. Inquire 6 Lawrence street. 1160 12 x

House 9 rooms, 1 Quincy street, very desirable. Apply on premises or at 19 Church street. 1160 12 x

Fine six room tenement, 4 Meadow street. Inquire 6 Meadow street. 1160 12 x

Small tenement, 13 Dover street. Inquire 13 Dover street. 1160 12 x

Modern apartment, 6 rooms, 103 Eagle street. 1160 12 x

Seven room cottage and seven room flat. All modern improvements. Inquire James Mitchell, 71 Bracwell avenue. 1160 12 x

Desirable tenement, 6 rooms, all modern improvements. Inquire 23 Bracwell avenue. 1160 12 x

Five room tenement, brick block, new, hot and cold water, Center street. C. P. Barden. 1160 12 x

Cottage 7 rooms and bath at 8 East Quincy street. Apply Mrs. Emma Billings, 12 East Quincy street. 1160 12 x

Steam heated tenement in Arnold place. Inquire 3 Boland block. 1160 12 x

Furnished room with bath, \$1.50 per week, 22 North Holden street. 1160 12 x

Furnished room to rent, 3 Ashland st. 1160 12 x

Six room cottage, hot and cold water, bath, new and clean, rent cheap. Inquire 6 Kemp, 8 East Quincy st. 1160 12 x

Four room tenement on Washington st. All modern improvements. Inquire at office of P. J. Ashe. 1160 12 x

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A fine line of light, road and heavy wagons at D. B. Cook's, Maple street, Adams. Call and get prices. Not will save money. 1160 12 x

A great bargain. My home 30 West Main street. Possession given in one month. Henry A. Tower. 1160 12 x

..A Great Sale of Millinery...

Sailor waiting hats, trimmed and untrimmed hats. Also mourning hats and hair goods. All at prices to suit customers and times.

MRS. L. A. TUCKER, 3 Church Street.

Household Furniture For Sale Cheap

Call at 146 South Church St.

Everything reasonable. Party about to leave the city and goods must be disposed of.

L. M. BALLOU.

DANCING.

Wm. J. Devlin Dancing Academy FORRESTER'S HALL, F. M. T. A. Building, Center St. Evening classes—Monday and Wednesday evenings. Private lessons afternoons from 1 to 5 p. m. Classes now forming.

LAST ONE HOME.

Private Dupree of Company M Back From New York Hospital.

Private William J. Dupree of Company M, who has been at the Post Graduate hospital in New York for the last two months, arrived at Adams Monday evening on the last train from Pittsfield. He is looking very well. There was quite a crowd at the depot to see and welcome him home. He was greeted on all sides and felt pleased to be home again. He was taken to his home on Spring street in a hack.

Private Dupree was one of the last to come home from Santiago. He was very ill and was kept in New York and speaks highly of his treatment there. He was the last one of the company to return home since leaving last spring.

C. Gallup of Gallupville, Schoharie county, N. Y., is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. E. C. Posson in this city.

Dr. and Mrs. A. A. McDonnell and Miss Bertha Mitchell will go to New York tonight for a few days' visit.

Fred Preston of Providence, R. I., who had been visiting friends in the city, returned home today.

Mrs. Duty Miller returned Monday to her home in Wakefield after a visit of a few weeks with her sisters, Mrs. John Simonds and Mrs. R. B. Harvie.

CHESHIRE

There is to be a Methodist donation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loud at "The Hook" soon.

James Cutler of Wilmington is the guest of J. L. Brown.

Mrs. L. J. Fisk left today for New York.

Miss Estelle Phillips of North Adams is the guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Phillips.

Mrs. B. F. Reynolds has gone to New York to visit relatives.

Prof. F. C. Croy, personator and Miss Croy, soprano soloist and whistler, of Springfield, will give an entertainment at Graylock hall, Thursday evening, November 17.

James Fleming of Adams was in town yesterday.

Mrs. Robert Wilkins and Mrs. Jane Carpenter have gone to Albany to visit friends.

G. Z. Dean went to North Adams today to attend the annual meeting of the Hoosac Valley Agricultural society.

Al. Wood of Lanesboro was in town yesterday.

Mrs. Mary Lane has gone to Dalton to visit relatives.

Supt. Earl Ingalls of Dalton was in town today.

The auction of horses, harnesses, etc., which was to have been held at John Gray's last week, will come off tomorrow morning.

Luther Clark of Deerfield is the guest of H. J. Lane.

At the entertainment given by the Valentine's last evening Stowell Cummings won a handsome lamp for guessing nearest to the number of beans in a bottle. There were 269 in it, and Mr. Cummings guessed 288.

THAT JOYFUL FEELING. With the exhilarating sense of renewed health